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Assignee: Acco Brands, Inc.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2001. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

In the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2001, the Examiner stated that there were distinct inventions and required Applicant to elect one invention for prosecution on the merits. The distinct inventions, as set forth in the Restriction Requirement, are as follows:

- I. Claims 56-70 drawn to a portable electronic lock device.
- II. Claim 71 drawn to a method of attaching a locking device to an electronic device.

Applicant hereby requests cancellation of claims 56-70 and elects claim 71 in Group II for prosecution on the merits. An action on the merits of this elected claim and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

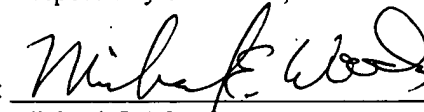
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's agent at the following telephone number (415) 393-2000.

DATE: March 13, 2001

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